

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Amend the claims as follows:

1-12. (canceled)

13. (Previously Presented)

An isolated antigen presenting vesicle free from its natural surroundings, said vesicle comprising:

a membrane, a major histocompatibility complex (MHC) Class II protein, and one or more processed antigens bound to said MHC Class II protein, wherein said antigen presenting vesicle is obtainable from the extracellular milieu of a B lymphocyte.

14. (Previously Presented)

The antigen presenting vesicle according to Claim 13, wherein said vesicle obtained by the step of recovering a 70,000 x g pellet obtained by differential centrifugation of membrane-containing fractions of cell culture media of B lymphocytes containing said MHC Class II protein.

15. (canceled)

16. (Previously Presented)

An isolated antigen presenting vesicle free from its natural surroundings, said vesicle comprising:

a membrane, a major histocompatibility complex (MHC) Class II protein, and one or more processed antigens bound to said MHC Class II protein, wherein said antigen presenting vesicle is obtained by the step of recovering a 70,000 x g pellet obtained by differential centrifugation of membrane-containing fractions of cell culture media of B-lymphocytes containing said MHC Class II protein.

Claims 17-18. (canceled)

19. (currently amended) The isolated antigen according to Claim ~~48~~ 13, wherein said extracellular milieu is cell culture media.

20. (currently amended) A method for isolating an antigen presenting vesicle ~~vesicle~~ free from its natural surroundings comprising a membrane, a major histocompatibility complex (MHC) Class II protein, and one or more processed antigens bound to said MHC Class II protein, said method comprising:

subjecting cell culture media from B lymphocytes ~~containing, wherein said B lymphocytes contain MHC Class II protein and secrete said antigen presenting vesicles into said culture medium,~~ to differential centrifugation; and

recovering a 70,000 g pellet from said differential centrifugation, whereby said antigen presenting vesicles are isolated.